

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, August 20, 2007, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, William A. Estrella, Jr, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM.

Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Marjorie J. McBride, Paul Silva, William M. Ojeda, Paul E. Brule, Diana B. Campbell, David L. Dugan, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary Cerullo, Executive Director of Literacy K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

It was brought to the attention of Mr. Estrella by Mr. Jack Flynn that two people who finished Warren High School in 1957 had never received a diploma; Mr. Estrella awarded Mt. Hope High School diplomas to these two people;XPeter Rybka (who has passed away) and his wife Mary Oliviera Rybka.

Opening of Schools

Dr. Mara announced that the first day of school, August 28, is viewed as a celebration and parents of elementary students are welcome to join their students in the classroom for a while; he encouraged parent participation, as it has proven to increase student performance.

Accolades

Mr. Estrella said it takes thousands of people to make sure our kids have the best education possible; the non-certified staff represents many of them. The Committee extended a special congratulations and thank you to the Non-Certified Staff Retirees for 2006-2007 and best wishes for a rewarding retirement:

Jessica Baxendale

Ann Marie Cross

Gail Faraone

Manuel Hilario

Linda Levesque

The School Committee wishes to congratulate the All-Division Athletes for Spring Sports:

Baseball jV Division II South

Michael Topazio, Jr. jV 1ST Team

Cameron Stanzione jV 1ST Team

Curtis Burke jV 1ST Team

Corey Lescault jV 2ND Team

Joseph Benevides jV 2ND Team

Softball jV Division II South

Ashley Moreira jV 1ST Team

Tayler Drew jV 2ND Team

Riana Fortin jV 3RD Team

Kaitlyn Mulcahey jV 3RD Team

In addition, an Honorable Mention was received by Katie Guida and the Team received an Honorable Mention for the DICK REYNOLDS SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM AWARD

Girls jI Track jV Class C

Meghan McMullen jV 2ND Team, 800M

Boys jI Track

David Shears - 1ST Team, Class B, 800M

- 2ND Team, Class B, 400M

- 1ST Team, Eastern Division, 400M, 4x800M, 4x400M

Dan Shears ¡V 2ND Team, Class B, 400M

- 1ST Team, Eastern Division, 4x800M, 4x400M

Alfredo Smith ¡V 1ST Team, Eastern Division, 4x800M

Jesse Ramos ¡V 1ST Team, Eastern Division, 4x800M

Troy Silvia ¡V 1ST Team, Eastern Division, 4x400M

Ben Persons ¡V 1ST Team, Eastern Division, 4x400M

Special congratulations to the Boys¡ Track Team and their coach, Andrew Sabourin, for receiving the 2007 Dick Reynolds Sportsmanship Team Award. This award is a true reflection of the character of the team and the coach.

Gerald Absi Andrew Karnehm

Jeffrey Allen Joshua Leitao

Jordan Almeida Victor Mirco

Andrew Augustus Jason Moniz

Evan Boisvert Michael Patriarca

Frank Campo Michael ¡§Ben¡ Persons¡

Trevor Edge Jesse Ramos

Alex Ensign Eduardo Romanus

Christopher Ferreira Neale Ross

Joshua Ferreira Daniel Shears

Robert Gallegos David Shears

Jason Godek Troy Silvia

Geoffrey Hawley Cesar ¡§Alfredo¡ Smith

Girls¡ LaCrosse --Division II Large

Jill Parker ¡V 1ST Team

Tess Parker ¡V 1ST Team

Shawna Jamiel ¡V 2ND Team

Dayna Carissimi ¡V 2ND Team

Boys¡ LaCrosse ¡V Division II

James Turenne ¡V 1ST Team

Michael Augustus ¡V 2ND Team

Robert Andreozzi ¡V 2ND Team

Providence Journal Honor Roll Athletes

Frank Campo, Jr.¡V Mt. Hope High School Boy Recipient

Jamie Souza ¡V Mt. Hope High School Girl Recipient

Certificate of Merit

Dr. Mara and the Bristol Warren Regional School District has been recognized by Minorities & Success as ¡§an equal opportunity employer who fully and actively supports equal access for all people regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability. It is Dr. Edward Mara and the organization¡s committed action that keeps America the land of diversity, freedom and opportunity for all.¡¨

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Galvin, of Strawberry Lane in Warren, spoke to the

Committee about the recommendation for hockey coach. She said the selection process was devised by the Committee to rid the District of the “good old boy network”; she did not understand why the School Committee did not accept and tabled the recommendation of the interviewing committee. Mrs. Galvin, whose son is on the hockey team, said Scot Clark is a very up-standing guy, who demands respect, has core values, evaluates his players and gives them an opportunity to grow; she asked the Committee to approve the recommended candidate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Estrella removed item E.1. (Girls Basketball Coach) from Superintendent’s Recommendation #S2007-30 Personnel from the consent vote.

Mrs. McBride asked to remove items E.3. and I.2. from Superintendent’s Recommendation #S2007-30 Personnel from the consent vote.

Mr. O’Dell requested item VI. C. Director of Administration’s Report, be removed from the consent vote for procedural purposes only.

Mr. Estrella commented on the July 16 and August 15 minutes; the clerk will be asked to more clearly reflect the actions of the meeting by making notations on the personnel recommendation itself, when an item is tabled. Mr. Saviano requested that names be included with the bulleted comments recorded on Page 6 in the minutes to the July

16 meeting.

Mr. Silva motioned to approve the remainder of the consent agenda; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Brule motioned to seal the minutes to the July 16, 2007 Executive Session. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell explained that he pulled the Director of Administration's report from the consent vote because the details of the Budget Subcommittee recommendations and two of the Superintendent's Recommendations are included therein. The next Subcommittee meeting is Monday, August 27th at 6:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office. Any specific requests for discussion should be forward to Mr. O'Dell for placement on the agenda.

Recommendation #BF 2007-07: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, ratify their vote taken on July 23, 2007 to accept the recommendation of administration to change the specs approved by the full Committee for the paving of the Mt. Hope student parking lot from two underground sleeves to one two-inch water line to be run from the building to the concession stand at a cost of \$15, 000 to be funded from gate receipts.

Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. McBride asked for a change in the wording of the recommendation to reflect the fact that she voted no on the paving of the student parking lot. She also recommended that in the future, no project go out to bid until the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee reviews it. Mr. Estrella ordered the word "full" be stricken from the recommendation. The motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Mrs. McBride voting no.

Recommendation #BF 2007-08: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, ratify their vote taken on July 23, 2007 to accept administration's recommendation for a change order to the paving of the Mt. Hope student parking lot agreement to include repaving the area from the cafeteria and kitchen to Chestnut Street at a cost of \$14,330.

Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. McBride will be voting no for the same reason. Mrs. Lynch felt the District should come to more concrete numbers before putting a recommendation to a vote. Mr. Estrella said the water line has been discussed since Mt. Hope High School has been here and the need for a change order for the paving on the Chestnut Street side was to be sure we did not overextend the budget. Mr. O'Dell responded to the point made and will include "bid discussion" on the next agenda. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Mrs. McBride voting no.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. McBride will include the Kickemuit scheduling issue on the next agenda, as requested by Mrs. Lynch. The Committee will also be starting a review of the policy book itself. Policies are accessible on the Bristol Warren website, as well as paper copies.

Recommendation #PCA 2007-14: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the recoding of School Committee Policy IKF Graduation Requirements to an exhibit jV IKF-E

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Oj'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #PCA 2007-15: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements) Mt. Hope High School Diploma Policy (First Second Reading)

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Oj'Dell seconded. Mrs. McBride motioned to amend to a second reading. Mr. Oj'Dell seconded. The motion to amend passed unanimously. The motion to approve as amended passed by a vote of 9 to 0. Mrs. McBride thanked all the people at the high school level, as well as the students, who put a mountain of time and energy to the development of this policy; we are at the forefront in the state.

Recommendation #PCA 2007-16: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy IGBJ Home Schooling Policy (First Reading)

Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. In response to questions from the Committee, Dr. Mara stated that home schooling applications must be submitted each year; home schooling families who fail to do so are sent a reminder; this fact will be clearly stated on the application if not already. Also, Mt. Hope students who finish their graduation requirements in the summer after their senior year receive their diploma in August. The revision recommended here is to specify that home schooled students are eligible for neither the Mt. Hope diploma nor a Regents diploma. Mr. Estrella alerted parents of high school students that there is a dramatic difference between receiving a Mt. Hope or Regents diploma and a GED diploma. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva reported he met with Dr. Mara and Mrs. Correia to discuss the BWEA's request to initiate negotiations. After the start of school, Mrs. Correia is going to collect some statistics, and then a meeting of the Subcommittee will be scheduled. At that meeting, it will be decided how and when concerns from the full Committee will be gathered.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Reaffirmation of appointment of Donald J. Rebello as Mt. Hope High School Principal and Jaime M. Crowley as Mt. Hope High School Assistant Principal in Charge of Guidance.

After an exhaustive process, the search and interview team recommended Donald J. Rebello for the position. He is now in transition with his position at Burrillville High School and administrators are pleased with what he is going to bring to Mt. Hope. Mr. Estrella reaffirmed the motion to appoint Mr. Rebello as Mt. Hope High School Principal; Mr. Brule seconded. Mr. Silva mentioned that he has heard nothing but great things about Mr. Rebello. Mrs. McBride reiterated that although she is impressed with his vision and his responses to School Committee questions, she does not support this recommendation because she believes in a one year contract, not three. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 8 to 1, with Mrs. McBride voting no.

Mr. Brule, seconded by Mr. Silva and several other members, motioned to reaffirm the appointment of Jaime Crowley as Assistant Principal in Charge of Guidance. Mr. O'Dell will be voting "present" due to intimidation that in four to five years, when many new decision makers are in place, a ballooning of administration could take place. Dr. Mara explained the intention is not to expand the administrative structure but to change or organizational chart. The motion to reaffirm passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. O'Dell voting

present.

School Committee Issues List

This will be an item on every meeting agenda. Dr. Mara will confirm that the painting of the aisles in the Performing Arts Center and the tuning of the piano are complete. Completed issues will be removed from the list. Mr. Silva's request to follow through with the members' adoption of schools was addressed. The choices are:

Mr. Saviano v Mt. Hope

Mrs. McBride v Colt Andrews and Guiteras

Mr. Brule v Hugh Cole

Mr. Dugan v Rockwell

Mr. Silva v Reynolds

Mrs. Lynch v Kickemuit

Mrs. Campbell v Byfield

Mr. Estrella asked the clerk to notify the principals and SIT teams who their liaison is and assure that the Committee members receive notices of events. Mrs. McBride requested information on events at all of the schools so she can attend when available.

Future Workshop Agenda Items

Mr. Estrella asked that requests be forwarded to him or the clerk.

Mr. Estrella announced that the September workshop will be at Guiteras School, following their open house.

Mrs. Campbell said many people have asked her if green and environmental issues are part of our curriculum. Mrs. Thies said they are and suggested a meeting to discuss this further.

Mr. Saviano requested the issue of a 14% increase in pension costs be an agenda item for the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee; he feels we should contact our legislators about this mismanagement of funds. Mr. O'Dell will oblige. Mr. Estrella remarked that the Regionalization Study Commission also addressed this. He and Dr. Mara announced that the Governor will be at Oliver on Wednesday at noon to sign a newly passed bill which was introduced by Representative Gablinske; Dr. Mara was instrumental in the drafting and passage of this bill. Laidlaw is investigating the purchase of approved vans.

School Committee Goals

To be discussed at the end of the meeting.

COLT/ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. McBride reported that the Colt and Andrews properties are fenced in, the contract with Lusi is signed and construction has begun. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 30, 7:00 PM at Oliver. If necessary there will be an executive session for contract discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2007-30: Personnel

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions listed below:

1. Christine Hughes Standards Coach (Numeracy)

Effective: For the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a new position in accordance
with grant funding

Funding: Title IIA Grant

2. Richard Lonardo Industrial Technology Teacher ¡V Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy
(Transfer ¡V J. Bartoshevich)

Funding: Operational Budget (9th step)

3. Christopher Lambert Music Teacher (2/5 time) ¡V Kickemuit Middle

Effective: For the 2007-08 school year only

Reason: To fill a job share vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget (1st step)

4. Brian P. MacDougall District Mentor Coordinator

Effective: For the 2007-08 school year only

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

5. Margaret McKiernan District Mentor Coordinator

Effective: For the 2007-08 school year only

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**6. Diane Verdolotti-Lowe School-to-Work School Based Coordinator
(Part Time) jV Mt. Hope High**

Effective: For the 2007-08 school year only

**Reason: To fill a vacancy in accordance with
grant funding**

Funding: Carl Perkins Grant

7. Betsy Ose Title I Family Involvement Coordinator (Part Time)

Effective: For the 2007-08 school year only

**Reason: To fill a vacancy in accordance
with grant funding**

Funding: Title I Grant

B. KINDERGARTEN SCREENING: That the School Committee

confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Kindergarten Screening Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

- 1. Elaine Skibinski Coordinator**
- 2. Kristen Aleicho Teacher**
- 3. Susan Antonio Teacher**
- 4. Maria Grace Arruda Teacher**
- 5. Diane Gallison Teacher**
- 6. Kimberlie Peacher Teacher**
- 7. Paula Richards Teacher**
- 8. Frances Souza Teacher**

C. ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individual for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Elementary Summer Camp contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

- 1. Jamie Hawkins Substitute Teacher**

D. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individual for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

1. Joann Bernard Substitute Teacher Assistant

E. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2007-08 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

COACHES

Sport Position Coach

1. Basketball (Girls) Head Coach William St. Vincent
2. Football Asst. Coach Mark Rhynard *
3. Hockey (Boys) Head Coach Scot Clark
4. Volleyball Asst. Coach Catherine Smith *
5. Wrestling Head Coach Brian Hutchison
6. Wrestling Asst. Coach Bruce Hutchison

- 7. Basketball (Boys) Head Coach Michael Topazio**
- 8. Basketball (Boys) Asst. Coach Christopher Munzert**

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES JV KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 5. Cheerleading Coach Lynn DePasquale**
- 6. Cross Country Coach James Barnaby**
- 7. Fast-Pitch Softball (Girls) Coach Pamela Oliveira**
- 8. Soccer (Girls) Coach John Raposa ***

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

F. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Lisa M. Andrea Early Childhood/Elementary**
- 2. Ida Hughes General Subject Matter**
- 3. Ashley Pietrunti Elementary**
- 4. Clare E. White Elementary/Reading Specialist**

G. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the

office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

- 1. Kimberly M. Reynolds**
- 2. Beverly Pendrak**

H. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 12, 2007 as to the following listed teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

- 1. Michelle Cordeiro Special Education Resource Specialist**
- 2. Michael Crane Middle School Mathematics**
- 3. Judith Dyer Elementary Special Educator**

I. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence as follows:

- 1. Mary N. Almeida Grade Two Teacher & V Hugh Cole**

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year

**Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 21,
Section L3 of the Master Agreement**

**2. Patricia B. Gablinske Elementary Special Educator Withdrawn by
Dr. Mara**

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year

**Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 21,
Section L3 of the Master Agreement**

3. Carolyn Davis Guidance Counselor iV Kickemuit Middle

Effective: July 3, 2007, for 6-8 weeks

**Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with
Article 21, Section L1 of the Master
Agreement**

Carolyn Davis Guidance Counselor iV Kickemuit Middle

**Effective: Upon completion of Maternity Leave
through November 15, 2007**

**Reason: Parental leave in accordance with
Article 21, Section L2 of the Master
Agreement**

**J. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the
recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations
listed below:**

1. Stephanie J. Gates Secretary ¡V Pupil Personnel Services Office

Effective: August 8, 2007

Reason: Personal

2. Stephanie B. Sousa Secretary ¡V Pupil Personnel Services Office

Effective: July 26, 2007

Reason: Personal

3. William DeMello Asst. Football Coach ¡V Mt. Hope High

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Personal

#S 2007-30 E.1. (Girls¡ Basketball Head Coach): Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mr. O¡Dell seconded. Mr. Estrella does not approve of this recommendation because he observed this coach on several occasions displaying behavior unbecoming a coach, he has brought some team members to tears, many have quit, and Mr. Estrella witnessed him stop coaching altogether for being called to task for his behavior. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 5 to 4 with Mr. Brule, Mrs. McBride, Mr. Estrella and Mrs. Lynch voting no.

#S 2007-30 E.3. (Boys¡ Hockey Head Coach): Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded.

Comments:

„X Mrs. McBride: Comfortable with process and recommendation, but will not support because important to hire Bristol or Warren residents.

„X Mrs. Lynch: Recommendation is a good one but the Assistant Coach, who put in six years of hard work for the District and students, should be given a one-year shot to make or break it; will not support this recommendation.

„X Mr. Saviano: Agrees with Mrs. McBride to a certain extent; however, we would have to get rid of half our staff.

„X Mr. Brule: Motioned to table at last meeting in order to research; does not „rubber stamp“; will support the recommendation.

„X Mr. Dugan: The interview committee did its job, the recommended candidate is first rate; however, will vote no because the Assistant Coach deserves our loyalty.

„X Dr. Mara: The assistant had an opportunity to move up when the current coach was hired and refused.

„X Mr. O'Dell: Seconded the motion to table last month; administration did their due diligence; will support the recommendation; baffled why in general, for coaching positions we get into politics, personality and parent input; we never go through these macerations for teaching positions; the people who know are making the decisions.

„X Mr. Saviano: We have a superb interview committee, great department heads and an excellent Superintendent, all better qualified to make these decisions than the School Committee; the

Committee's job is to provide our students with the absolute best qualified person; we have to back up the interview committee; we are destroying morale and causing free thinking to go out the window.

„X Mr. Estrella: Respects the interview committee's work; coaches and chaperones have more responsibility than those who are in the building; we have to be sure to fulfill our responsibility the best way we can.

„X Mrs. Campbell: Our loyalty should be to the students; the selection committee knows them the best and I respect their decision; coaching is about building character and helping kids make decision and this candidate looks like the best one for the job; she will support the recommendation.

„X Mrs. Lynch: Has concerns that the parent of one of the team members was part of the interview committee;Xthis is not appropriate.

„X Mrs. McBride: Wishes to clarify that Ms. Penkala is the Director of Athletics for Mt. Hope High School.

„X Mr. Silva: Four members did not agree with the interview team; all things being equal, we owe something to those who pay their dues; asks all nine members to give each other the courtesy to differ in opinion.

„X Mr. Estrella: Agrees that maybe a parent of a player should not be part of the interview team; all nine School Committee members take their responsibility very seriously and do due diligence and have the responsibility and right to take different votes which sometimes are split;Xthis means they are absolutely doing their job and democracy

works.

On a show of hands, the motion to approve passed by a vote of 5 to 4 with Mr. Brule, Mr. Ojeda, Mr. Estrella, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Saviano voting yes, and Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. McBride, Mr. Silva and Mr. Dugan voting no.

Recommendation #S 2007-30 I.2. (Leave of Absence for Elementary Special Educator): This item for discussion in Executive Session at the conclusion of the agenda.

Recommendation #S 2007-31: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for heating oil for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Mr. Ojeda motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. Mrs. Correia explained the recommendation is to award the bid to Dennis K. Burke, at a cost of \$2.174 per gallon, which is lower than last year's price; prices were negotiated with the East Bay Districts. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2007-32: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for Medicaid Billing Services to CompuClaim.

Mr. Ojeda motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. Mrs. Correia confirmed that CompuClaim maximizes our reimbursement. On a

show of hands, the motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Non-Resident Students at Mt. Hope

Dr. Mara explained the Japanese student in question is now in the legal custody of her aunt and uncle who are residents so there is no longer an issue.

Field Utilization

Mrs. McBride reported there was good discussion at a recent meeting, but the invited people from Bristol were not present, which is necessary; the next step is to take this to the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee.

Report of the Director of Administration and Finance (pulled from the consent vote)

Mr. Silva motioned to accept; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:01 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:01 PM for legal advice and discussion of personnel and contract issues. Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thies, Mrs. Cerullo and Mrs. Correia left the meeting.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING ¡V 9:27 PM

**Discussed in Executive Session were the topics mentioned above.
No action was taken.**

Superintendent's Recommendation #S 2007-30, item I.2.

Dr. Mara withdrew this recommendation to be recreated at a future meeting.

School Committee Goals

GOAL # 1 ¡V Increase Student Achievement

Strategy A ¡V Support the implementation of middle school reform

„X By grade 9, 50 % of the students have completed pre-algebra and 50% have completed algebra I, putting them in line to take higher level courses in high school.

Strategy B ¡V Support the implementation of high school reform

„X This section requires input from Mr. Rebello; the high school will be highlighted in early spring.

„X It is possible for students to complete all math requirements by the end of their junior year.

„X We have early start programs with colleges and universities.

„X Mr. Estrella suggested the chart include a column for ¡§current

status;”.

Strategy C ;V Parity programming across all schools

„X Mrs. Campbell said she met with all PTO’s and has decided to wait until the start of school to meet again; the process is continuing.

Strategy D ;V Maintain above-state average NECAP testing scores

„X Has been met.

Strategy E ;V Ensure special needs students meet target goals for proficiency

„X Target met.

Strategy F ;V Develop a vision and plan to support the role of technology in the district curriculum

„X Technology GLEs must be finalized before curriculum can be aligned.

Strategy G ;V Develop plan to implement differentiated instruction technology that addresses the educational need of all students, and

Strategy H ;V Challenge high end learners to excel in their level or area of proficiency

„X AP courses: no course fee; fee for exam; however, some colleges do not accept AP credits.

„X Virtual High School is in process.

GOAL #2 Maintain Facilities

„X Further discussion after Phase II Elementary Facilities Task Force report.

GOAL #3 Enhance Communication with Parents and the Community, Including Town Government

Strategy A: Improve website

„X The Technology Task Force surveyed the community for input to redesigning the website for ease of use; a high school class will work on the high school page and maybe the administration and district page.

„X Glaring corrections needed are chronological listing of School Committee minutes and more obvious labeling of navigation.

Strategy B: Write regular press releases on policies, procedures and programs

„X Dr. Mara has two on the line.

Strategy C: Encourage parent input at School Committee workshops

„X All three actions are in progress.

„X Each School Committee member will have their own email accounts on the web.

ADJOURNMENT iV 9:48 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Silva, seconded by

Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 9:48 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Secretary

/c